ATLANTIC CITY CROWDED.

HOTELS OPENING AND OTHERS MAKING READY-PUTTING YACHTS IN ORDER.

Atlantic City, March 8 (Special).-March was ushered in at this resort in a mild manne weather has been warm and the sun has shone brightly. As a result the board walk and the hotel orches are crowded all day long, and every visitor to the place is happy. There were concerts morning, afternoon and evening on Funday on the plers.

At Young's pier the vaudeville performances that to have been given every afternoon and evenings, Sunof the hotels are much more liberally patronized the prospects are for a large and profitable spring

Owing to their inability to get some of their work done, the Muriborough House proprietors will not be able to make their formal opening of the nummoth hotel to-day, but will be compelled to postpone it for a period of one week. This was a ppointment to a large number of their patrons, had anticipated coming to Atlantic City the present week to remain over Easter. The workmen i complete their labors before next Saturday, and

the house will be opened on that date.

The work of rebuilding the parts of the board walk that were washed out by the heavy storms lowly than was anticipated by the committee of the s now feared that the wall to the inlet pavilion there will be the greater position of it completed the break repaired that was left open last season

men to have the city buy a plot of land near the of yachtsmen generally. The yachtsmen sugges-Thoroughfare be bought and filled in with mud be a landlocked tasin, large enough to hold all of the creek by a canal. It is pointed out that the city could derive a revenue from the scheme by charging a same fee for anchoring the boats in for boathouse sites. All the clubnouses should be of ornamental desicn, and to cost not less than a sum sufficiently large to insure of their being a credit to the place.

The Hotel Frontenac, one hundred yards from the beach, in Kentucky-ave., was opened for the season day under the management of Mrs. H. Y. Meyer. This is a new house, and is equipped with all the modern conveniences. It is in the centre of all attractions, and has a direct southern exposure. It is heated by steam, lighted by electricity and ele-vators run from the street level to the top floor. There are private and public baths, and rooms may be had single or en suite. There are spacious sun parlors with an unobstructed view of the ocean,

The Rittenhouse, one of the new hotels that was opened for the first time last season, opened its doors for this season to-day. The Rittenhouse is one of the prettiest hotels in the upper part of the city, and is in New-Jersey-ave., within a few yards of the board walk. It is thoroughly equipped, eleantly furnished, and nearly every room in the ouse has an ocean view. The cuisine is the best that the market affords, and is prepared by a com-

in the quiet cottage part of Chelsea, was opened to-day for the season. This hotel is a thoroughly modern and up to date one. It is equipped with from its furnishings that will in any way tend to the comfort and enjoyment of those who stop there. There are sea baths, as well as the fresh water

large number of visitors who have desired to spend some part of their time in sailing when the weather would permit, and, as there is every prospect that there will be a large number of people here this month, the yachtsmen are preparing to reap a rich harvest. The indications point to a pleasant month as a whole, and there will be ample opportunity for taking short trips out on the ocean. Others, who are rather more timid and are afraid to risk seaschness, spend their time in sailing on the inside in some of the bays or the Thoroughfare. Those who own private yachts are getting them out of their winter quarters and placing them in condition to no in the water once more.

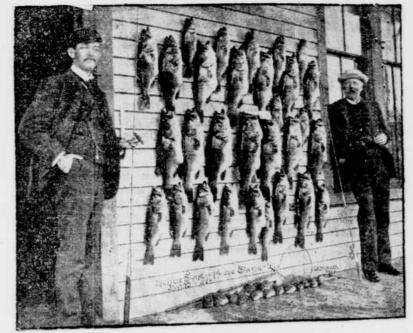
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Henry Conking, J. Lane, Miss M. M. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed, Mrs. B. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Sutler, Mrs. P. Leech, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barton and Mr. and Mrs. William G.

Over, Mr. and Mrs. John Norths and Mrs. R. Refree.

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Hotel Strand—Mr. and Mrs. William W. Davis.
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Mr. and Mrs. William E. Alken, B. A. Weyman,
J. Dagne and B. Seymour.
Hotel St. Charles—Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzglbbon,
T. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ebblitts, S. Fleming,
Miss S. Ackley, Mrs. William Allen, Miss Lillian
Allen, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Kelley, Miss Lawrence,
J. W. Young, Mrs. E. Blake, William Kelley,
Thomas R. Halpin, Mr. and Mrs. Chappelle, T. N.
Pike, Walter McTeagle, Mr. and Mrs. Eables, H.
C. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Anshacker and E.
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RESULT OF ONE DAY'S FISHING FOR BLACK BASS BY TWO GUESTS AT THE NEW SANDFORD HOUSE, SANDFORD, FLA. The catch, 216 pounds, the largest fish weighing 1414 pounds.

GAYETY AT ST. AUGUSTINE!

PING PONG THE FAVORITE AMUSEMENT

gayest week of the season, with a succession of visitors. Ping pong has taken possession of both old and young, and ping pong sets are occupying both billiard and dining tables in most houses. Beautiful cups are put up and won, and for the moment the smart set has forgotten golf.

The reception and tea given in the upper rotunda of the Ponce de Leon on Thursday was the largest and most elegant function ever given there. decorations were artistic, and the women, wearing scene. Yellow jasmine was used profusely for decoration, and electricity added its brilliancy. Mrs. C. G. Sandford and Miss Rosalie Gardiner Jones poured tea; Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Langhorne received, and Mrs. D. Shedd served

The orchestra rendered some beautiful music for

the two hours the function lasted.

Among the New-Yorkers attending the tea were Mrs. John Alexander Tyler, Miss Tyler, Mrs. H. D. Pratt, C. G. Sandford, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Harkness, Mrs. Nicholas Cosgrove, Mrs. Percival E. Nagle, Miss Lily E. Nagle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. La Fetra, Miss Edna Field, H. A. La Fetra, ir. and Mrs. F. F. Ellenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, and Mrs. Gilbert Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fos Miss Edith Potter, Mrs. C. P. Burdette, Miss Rec, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hotchkiss, Miss Stella Harris, Miss Kate Harris, Mrs. Thomas H. Rodman, Miss

Carson, Mrs. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Van Riper, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Price, Mrs. and Miss Large, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Borden, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Borden, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kelly, Mrs. J. H. Schultz, John Schultz, Jr., De Lancey Smith, Miss J. Meyer, Miss Anna Robertson, J. H. Hardie, Mrs. J. S. Simmons, Mrs. F. W. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seamans and John N. Peters.

Among the functions of the week was Mrs. Schofield's "at home," held on Thursday afternoon, when she and General Schofield received a large number of their friends. Mrs. W. L. Harkness, of New-York receiving with them. Among the New-York receiving with them. Among the New-Yorks present were Mrs. T. Rodman, Miss Rodman, W. H. Pell, J. H. Hewson, Mrs. Kellogg, Miss Kellogg, Mrs. J. Alexander Tyler, Miss Tyler, Captain and Mrs. Cotton, J. P. Greaves, Miss Lida Greaves, and Miss Rosalie Gardiner Jones. Mrs. J. J. Upham poured tea, Miss Smethurst served less and Miss Greaves punch. Ping pong was played on the billiard table.

Mrs. J. James gave a pretty tea the same afternoon, asking a number of friends to meet the Misses Peck and Miss Worth, sister of General Worth, who is their guest. Her guests were Mrs. A. V. Winans, Mrs. J. B. Kellogg, Mrs. E. A. Dix, Mrs. J. J. Upham, Mrs. T. H. Rodman, Mrs. E. S. Conrad, Mrs. J. H. Ticker, Mrs. McBlair Smith, Mrs. Henry E. Davis, Mrs. W. R. Smith and Miss Anna Eurt.

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Ladles' day of last week (Friday) was unusually gay at the clubhouse, as three handsome prizes had been put up by Mrs. Herbert Warden and Miss Warden for a ping pong tournament, bringing together all the members to compete for them. There were about thirty entries and a spitited contest. Miss Phepoe. of Hamilton. Canada, won the first, a handsome silver cup: E. A. Dix, the second, a pair of silver candlesticks, and Miss Macmillan the third, a silver tray.

AMUSEMENTS AT NASSAU.

Nassau, N. P., Bahamas, March 6 (Special) .- A portion of the Washington's Birthday sports here were postponed until this week on account of looked forward to with the greatest interest, and Buzzard came in and anchored off the hotel pier. Buzzard and the yacht Scythian made the harbor tributed to the success of the day by sending its two whalers, manned by the starboard and port watches, to compete in an extra race. The con-tests were between various rowing crews of the town, while toward the end of the afternoon science was thrown aside for fun and the duck hunt

There are sea baths, as well as the fresh water baths, and private baths can be had with every baths, and private baths can be had with every suite. There is nothing between it and the board-walk to obstruct the view, and it is connected with the boardwalk by a promenade. It is one of the most quiet and comfortable houses in the city.

With the incoming of the month of March the yachtsmen at the Inlet are beginning to change the rigs of their boats from that of the fisherman to that of the pleasure yacht. They are scrubbing their craft and painting them and giving them a

CHANGES ON GENERAL ROE'S STAFF.

Major General Hoe yesterday announced a number of important changes on his staff. William Cary Sanger. Assistant Secretary of War, inspector on the staff, has been placed on the retired list, with rank of colonel, to date from February 27. Lieutenant Colonel William H. Chapain, who has been serving on the staff of the general, has been appointed to the place vector by Colonel Sanger.

The review will be followed by a battalion parade

SHE KNEW IT WOULD BE THERE. A clergyman, a member of the faculty of a cer-

"Poo'ly-very poo'ly, suh! I'm ail dwindled down to nothin! Hard times, an harder comin'; hard

when an and to mouth year in an year out; she replied, shaking her head and drawing her thin lips tighter.

"Maybe you don't have faith enough with your works. Ferhaps— I'm afraid you are a weak sister, ventured the spiritual adviser.

"You'd be a weak sister, too, if you had to go a mile to the spring, up hill and down hill, three times a day, an' tote a pail o' water on your head an' a strappin' young 'un on your hip, an' have nothin' much to eat. You can eat fried chick'n ev'y day, wear broadcloth an' do nothin' all the time. You hain't got nothin' to make you weak," she retorted at length.

"Why, sister, you can remove mountains if you have faith enough," said the preacher, gently ignoring her thrust at the "cloth."

Looking him steadily in the face, she asked:
"Do you think if I pray to the Lord to take away that steep hill between here an' the spring, that
"Certainly—if you have faith that He will."

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"Well, I'll try it to-night," she replied, em-"Well. I'll try it to-night," she replied, emphatically.

A few days later she harpened to meet the preacher, who asked her if she had prayed for the removal of that hill.

"Yes, I did," she replied, "an' the first thing I did next mornin' was to look out for it. It was still there, an' steep as ever, an' I know'd it would be there! The Bible tells 'bout the 'everlastin' hills.' Don't you reck'n the Lord thought I was a everlastin' fool?" she added, with a snift of contempt.

begin golfing activities. But in comparison with the fortune of those in New-York and other points comparatively near. Lakewood has been kindly treated, and those here have congratulated themselves on the fact ever since reading the reports of the storm's work elsewhere.

Social activity has marked the week, both in Lenten season is now closely alled with entertaining attractions. The Lenten Sewing Class met with Mrs. Samuel S. Beard, in Madison-ave., on Monday, society women turning out in good numbers to make up garments for the poor. Miss Jean Wilson, a reader who is well known here and who has just come from a series of entertaining successes in Washington, gave readings in the Laurel

sisted by Kenneth F. Bingham, barytone, of New-York, and George W. Needham, accompanist. large audience was present, and the affair was under the patronage of all the society women of the place. Miss Wilson gave the children a recital

Miss Helen Dawes Brown, of New-York, gave yesterday the first of a series of lectures on literature, which will be continued on Fridays at the public friends was also held at the Laurel House vesterday afternoon, being addressed by W. R. George, founder of the Republic, and Mr. Osborne, is interested in the success of the movement Miss Beatrice Herford's original monologues given at the Laurel-in-the-Pines were much enjoyed by a large and brilliant audience on a recent evening.

other ping-pong tournament in the coising days of first and second prize winners, and other players were Miss Davis, Miss Talcott, Miss Park, Miss Ambrose, Mrs. Taylor, Miss M. Elsie Davis and Miss Fowler.

The third tournament of the Laurel House Bowling Club was concluded on Tuesday evening. Charles V. Murphy, D. B. Melick and B. Marston Smith being the prize winners. Eight men made up the final round, and there was a good attendance of spectators throughout the competition. Miss Sallie Crocker, the promoter of some original

modes of entertaining friends, gave a Spanish offee at her Fifth-st. studio on Tuesday afternoon, her invitations being generally accepted. The costumes of her guests and other features of the afternoon had the flavor of life in Castile. Mrs. William Gray Schauffler, on the eve of her

departure for California, gave an afternoon tea at er Fifth-st. home on Monday in honor of Mrs. Frederick Howard, of Williamstown, Mass., who was here on a home visit to Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. McClellan Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Baldwin gave a Monday even-

ing dinner at their home, in Private Way, in honor of Julian Ralph, the newspaper correspondent. Charles L. Pack, Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee, Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Lindley, and Miss Elizabeth Gallagher, whose musical contributions added to the In the list of coming events for the Lenten sea-

son, "Cranford," dramatized from the book and presented by the young society women of Lakewood last season, has chief importance in the line of entertainments. It is to be given, as last year, in aid of the Lakewood Public Library, in the Laurel House music room, on the evening of Friday, April 4, and the cast will be almost identical with that of its first production.

The bazaar and sale of the Women's Ald Society of All Saints' Memorial Church, which is to be given at the Madison-ave, home of Mrs. Samuel S. now engrossing the attention of the prominent society women of the place, and preparation is being made for the usual annual success.

The eighth spring tournament of the Golf Club of Lakewood will be held on April 17, 18 and 19, and the polo tournament at the Georgian Court grounds will fill the week following. These two events will make Lakewood an important centre of sporting

LAKEWOOD ENJOYMENTS.

RESORT IN JERSEY PINES KINDLY
TREATED BY WEATHER—PING
PONG PROVES POPULAR—
MANY VISITORS.

Lakewood, N. J., March 8 (Special).—Two inches of slushy snow on Tuesday night, followed by the driving sleet of Wednesday, dissipated last week's promise of immediate spring, and severely taxed the patience of many here who were auxious to any inches. At the Laurel-In-the-Pines—Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Miss Vanderbilt, Miss Flags, Mrs. T. D. Flower, Miss Flower, N. M. Flower, Mrs. S. N. Lambert, G. A. Weith, Mc, and Mrs. S. N. Lambert, G. A. Weith, Mc, and Mrs. S. N. Lambert, G. A. Weith, Mc, and Mrs. S. N. Lambert, G. A. Weith, Mc, and Mrs. S. N. Lambert, G. A. Weith, Mrs. A Loboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. L. Brown, Mrs. A. Laboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. Weis, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pratt, Miss Calderbilt, Miss Piorence L. Stokes, H. B. Slokes, S. H. Speer, Mrs. A. Carter, Mrs. F. A. Weis, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pratt, Miss Calderbilt, Miss Piorence L. Stokes, H. B. Stokes, S. H. Speer, Mrs. A. Carter, Mrs. F. A. Weis, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pratt, Miss Calderbilt, Mrs. Clermont H. Willey, Mrs. Aldrich.

At the Laurel-In-the-Pines—Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Miss Flags, Mrs. T. D. Flower, N. M. Flower, Mrs. S. N. Lambert, G. A. Weith, Mrs. A. Loboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. L. Brown, Mrs. A. Loboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. L. Brown, Mrs. A. Loboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. L. Brown, Mrs. A. Loboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. L. Brown, Mrs. A. Laboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. L. Brown, Mrs. A. Loboltic, W. Seton Henry, A. L. Brown, Mrs. A. L. Bro At the Laurel House—Mrs. E. C. Baxter, Mrs. William Nelson Cromwell, Mrs. Clermont H. William Nelson Cromwell, Mrs. Clermont H. William Nelson Mrs. Wilcox, Miss Vilcox, Miss Vilcox, Miss Vilcox, Miss Vilcox, Miss Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Fornard S. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hall, Mrs. Charles F. Hoffman, Miss Weir, F. P. Kimball, Miss E. G. Burke, Miss M. C. Barnes, Miss Julia L. Bibby, J. H. P. Wharton, Edward F. Brown, F. J. Syme, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hoe, John M. Hoe, Charles E. McManus, Robert A. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Coley, J. B. Bailard, Jr., Mrs. And Mrs. William R. Coley, J. B. Bailard, Jr., Mrs. John Butterfield Holland, Miss Holland and Mrs. C. A. Blake.

The Lexington—Mr. and Mrs. P. Coughlin, Miss M. Coughlin, W. A. Mattice, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wells, G. J. Brett, Miss C. Zimmerman and Miss C. Zimmerman.

G. Zimmerman.
Pelmer House-Sidney J. Adler, Mrs. M. J. Adler, Nicholas F. Walsh, George W. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Master, Edward Master and Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Sharp.
Hotel Lenox-Mrs. A. Soria, Miss Soria, Rarl Johnson, W. H. Martin, Mrs. J. McNesnic, A. R. Traisme and Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Rohr.

MOST SUCCESSFUL WEEK AT TAMPA BAY. Tampa Bay Hotel, Fla., March & (Special).-The week has proved the most successful of the sea son-so successful that many could not obtain accommodations. This condition is unusual for this season of the year, but the heavy snows of the North are undoubtedly responsible in a greater

or less degree. or less degree.

On Monday Henry C. Rouse, president of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway system, arrived in his private car, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Raymond and W. Van Riper, of Cleveland. Another private car party arrived on Tuesday. These were New-Yorkers, and included Levi Weir, president of the Adams Express Com-iny; H. C. Deming, vice-president of the Mercaptile Trust Company, and De Witt and C. C.

Stewart Hartshorn, of Short Hills, N. J., returned trip. The total bag was forty-eight quall and 119

Friday was devoted to golf. The most important ilton Gillespie, the well known amateur, and Peter S. Blair, the professional in charge. The colonel played the eighteen holes without handicap,

S. Blair, the professional in charge. The colonel played the eighteen holes without handicap, but was beaten by two strokes, making the course in 73 against Blair's 71. The excellence of the play is apparent when it is considered that the bogle score for the course is 74. Miss Julie Magrath, of Boston, was matched against Mrs. J. W. Miller, of New-York, for eighteen holes. After some exciting play the former won in a grandstand finish, with one hole to the good.

Chester W. Chapin has arrived from Nassau, Bahama Islands, coming by way of Miami. He expects to remain here for a week before starting for New-York.

Colonel F. Q. Brown, second vice-president of the Plant system, arrived on Saturday morning in his private car, accompanied by his secretary, D. H. Thomas. President R. G. Erwin arrived on Sunday from Savannah in his private car. In the party were R. B. Smith. W. B. Denham, F. S. Tutwiler and J. H. Tucker, all railroad officials.

Among the arrivals this week from New-York were M. W. Niven, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Hatfield, Benjamin Mantone, M. Oppenheimer, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Palmer, Charles N. Straz, James Parker, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Cobb, George B. North, Mrs. Samuel Burhans, Miss Isabel Burhans, James P. Keating, B. F. Naughton, R. B. Smith, Frank S. Seeley, D. H. Thomas, P. E. Preterre, N. L. Rapelye, E. E. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. José Lovara, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Schwarz, Henry C. Rouse, W. Van Riper, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Gibson, Mrs. L. R. Muehl, Charles A. Tatum, Ernest Ellinger, Sigo Myers, Frank Roland, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Coyle, Enoch Rutzler, Mrs. E. M. Pelgram and Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson.

The annual "Feis Ceoil agus Seanachus" of the Gaelic Society will be held at the Lenox Lyceum, Fifty-ninth-st. and Madison-ave., on Easter Tuesday evening, April 1. W. Bourke Cockran will pre-side. A programme has been arranged, tilustrative of the dramatic and martial music of the early

Irish composers, as well as of the love and folk songs of the Irish bards. A few of the works of modern Irish composers will also be included as serving to show the first fruits of the scent Irish revival.

Among those engaged to take part are Mrs. Eva. G. Coleman. soprano; Miss Power, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. Helen O'Donnell, contraito; Hobart Smeck, temor; John C. Dempsey, barytone; Edward O'Mahony, bass; John Cheshire, harpist, and T. Fitzpatrick, plobaire (piper).

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TOPICS IN CONNECTICUT. TRIAL BY JURY DISCUSSED BY CONSTI-TUTIONAL CONVENTION-INTEREST IN HARTFORD ELECTION.

Hartford, Conn., March 8 (Special) .- Trial by jury was the topic of discussion before the Constitutional Convention Thursday. This is the first day since it assembled that the convention has paid any attention to matters outside of legislative representation. Not that representation has been settled, but that the convention has finally got down to the point where a vote on final settlement is ordered for next Wednesday. The committee of nine to draft the proposition for a house of representatives with one from each town and a senate from sixty districts to be instituted made its report Thursday at the morning session, and the small town men had the convention fairly well in hand. Just what will occur Wednesday is a little difficult to determine, but there is going to be a tremendous effort to break the report and to come to some sort of an agreement which will give a fairer proportion of house members.

At the present time there are three distinct sections of the convention working along on differing lines and in conference, not with each other, but with delegates of their own shade of opinion. The first is the Litchfield County men (the one-from-atown delegates), under the lead of Wellington Smith, of Winsted, and Donald T. Warner, of Salisbury; the second is made up of the small towns, and there is a number of them, who will have their representation cut from two to one in the house by the Warner plan, and the third is made up of the representatives of the large towns, who are determined to pull together in order to present their case, if nothing more. It is probable that there will be a coalition between the last two groups, and possibly the report of the committee of nine will fall. Otherwise there seems to be little hope that it can be defeated. The coming week is by all odds looked forward to as the most critical and interesting the convention will have. The discussion on trial by jury was confined to the lawyers of the convention, and was largely technical in its trend.

A voluntary organization of some note in this city has sprung up within the last three months among the west side workingmen, which has for its object the getting together of employe and employer and a general discussion of things of interest in social conditions. It is known as the Workingmen's Free Reading Room Association, and has emanated from the workingmen themselves. The leader in the movement has been John H. Gunshanan, who is a well known local ball player, and he has put a great deal of energy into the idea. Among other things that the association has accomplished is the holding of weekly meetings in one of the larger school halls of the district, and addresses have been made by some of the best known men of the State, including many from the Constitutional Convention, who have their evenings at their disposal. The result has been gratifying

to the men themselves. Topics that have been se to every day living have been discussed, and there has been no patronizing spirit on the part of the speakers. Justice Baldwin, of the Supreme Court, has spoken to them on "Saving and Spending"; State's Attorney Eggleston has spoken on "The Way of the Transgressor," and out of town speakers have covered a wide range of topics, all speakers have covered a wide range of topics, all closely related to the welfare not only of the workingmen, but of every one. There have been three speakers each evening, and crowded audience rooms have greated them. Aside from the speeches, there has been an abundance of free reading of a good character, all maintained by the workingmen themselves. It is unique in the history of the city as a social factor, and it has been distinctly outlined in the action of the association that it is to be entirely free from political intermeddling.

A political factor which is coming to the front is a sort of semi-secret manner this apring is the

Economic League, made up almost entirely of voters who are allied with labor organizations. The sections are holding meetings in each of the wards and laying out political work for the election of city officers, which comes on April 7. It is understood that the league will enter the caucuses of the old parties with the intention of controlling the nominations, many members having registered as Republicans for that purpose. Just what strength may be developed numerically is a problem, but thus far the league has been able to influence local legislation by the sheer fact that it is an unknown quantity. Its first declaration was for free textbooks for schools, which have been voted by the City Council; its second declaration was for a bridge as soon as it could be made, and this has been pushed forward; and the third was against the erection of a new city hall at this time, and the league has had its way in that matter. Its only other declaration has been against "ring rule," which is a somewhat indefinite one, as the municipal conditions are just at present.

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Speaking of the city election, the contest is going to be a decidedly earnest one, a Mayor and all city officers to be chosen. The question most agitated just now is whether Mayor Alexander Harbison will succeed himself or not. He was nominated by the Republicans two years ago by a margin of one vote, and elected by the largest majority any Mayor has ever had in the city, carrying every ward. This was owing in some measure to his personal popularity with the people and in some measure to the fact that the Democratic campalgn was practically in his interest. There is now a strong feeling against the Mayor in many quarters, and if he should be so fortunate as to get the Republican nomination he would still have a hard fight at the polls if the Democrats should put up any one of three or four well known leaders of the party. Joseph Buths, president of the Street Board, if nominated, would probably be elected as a Democrat, and it is possible that John M. Ney would be equally fortunate. The Mayor's friends are nervous over the outlook. As to the Court of Common Council, it will be Republican, without doubt, but the majority will be cut down somewhat. The amendment to the charter adopted by the late session of the legislature has taken some of the politics out of that office, and the Prosecuting Attorney and City Recorder will also be by the Mayor's appointment. This will give a candidate a good leverage to work among his friends, and will save some money in his canvass. For the other city offices there is no contest on, as the situation now appears, but it is several weeks yet before the election is to be held.

READY WIT OF A. H. STEPHENS.

A Southern woman, who is ninety-two years old, tells the following story of Alexander H. Stephens: "It was during the Presidential campaign of Will-iam Henry Harrison that we had great fun in the political contests with our sophomorian orators, big parbecues and vast crowds that gathered from cities, towns and all the countryside. Grand dames, with their negro footmen and maids, drove in their old fashioned high carriages, their husbands and sweethearts going as outriders; over-seers, with their wives and children, and the 'poor white trash, with whole families and the dogs, from the backwoods assembled. These people from the backwoods for that one day rode to the barbecue and speaking in buggles and wagons furnished by the wealthy people, so as to be sure of getting their votes for their own favorite candi-date. The militia turned out in full force, with flags and drum and fife; a great barbecue was pre-pared, with wagonloads of homemade delicacies, while they marched around after a miniature log cabin mounted on a float drawn by gayly decked horses; a milk strainer, a gourd and a coonskin decorated the cabin door; a cance was mounted on a second float, with other accessories that added

to the "Tippecanoe" influence.
"Alexander H. Stephens and Julius Alford were "Alexander H. Stephens and Julius Alford were the orators of the day. Mr. Alford was a lawyer of a small city in Middle Georgia, and an aspirant for Congress; he was a man of fine physique and good oratorical powers, but haughty and self-conceited, and he was Mr. Stephens's political opponent. Mr. Stephens was, as everybody knows, an intellectual giant, but exceedingly frail physically. After Mr. Alford had 'spread himself' on behalf of his chosen candidate, thinking to belittle Mr. Stephens (who was to follow with a speech), he concluded by saying:

"And here's little Alec Stephens, wearing a coat that's big enough for old General Jackson, with the collar six inches above his head, and the tails

BUILDING STONE THIRTY-SIX FEET LONG.

stone of the kind ever quarried was placed in the new Hall of Records last Friday morning. This great monolith, which was quarried at Hallowell, Me., is only one of thirty-two that are to be put



LAISTING INTO PLACE THE FIRST OF THE GREAT MONOLITHS FOR THE NEW HALL

COLONEL WILLIAM CARY SANGER PLACED ON THE REFIRED LIST. Major General Roe yesterday announced a num

been serving on the staff of the general, has been appointed to the place vacated by Colonel Sanger, and will in future have the rank of colonel. Lieutenant James W. Cleveland of the 7th Regiment, has been appointed inspector, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Lieutenant Colonel George R. Fowler, Second Brigade, surgeon, has been appointed syrgeon, with the rank of colonel. Lieutenant Colonel John Bogart, engineer, has been detailed as inspector of engineers, and will look after affairs relating to the 22d Engineers.

A RED, WHITE AND BLUE BATTALION. Captain J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N., of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, will be the guest of landsmen and seamen of the New-York National Guard at the 13th Regiment Armory on Tuesday night next, when he will review a red, white and blue battallon, made up of the band and field music of the 13th, one hundred pieces in all; Company D, of that organi-zation, and a division of the 2d Naval Battalion. The first mentioned of these will appear in full dress (State service), with red trimmings; the last in white duck sailor suits, and Company D in dark

The review will be followed by a battalion parade. There will also be a physical drill with the rifle, to music, by Company D, and a drill with 1-pounders and blank ammunition by the naval millitamen. Captain Sydney Grant, of Company D, will have command of the battalion for review, and Lieutenaut Commander William G, Ford, executive officer of the 2d Naval Battalion, will take the parade. The physical drill will be under the command of Lieutenant Edward J, Reilly, of Company D, and the drill with 1-pounders under command of Lieutenant Edward J, Reilly, of the Naval Battalion. A concert by the new enlisted band of the 13th will precede the military exercises and dancing will follow. Captain Coghlan will be entertained at dinner in the armory by the officers of the red, white and bue battalion before going on the drill floor.

tain university in the South, was accustomed to going around visiting among the country folk, to talk and pray with them, and encourage them all he could. There was one very poor "sister" on whom he called one day, and asked how she was getting along.

work, an' hand to mouth year in an' year out!"
she replied, shaking her head and drawing her thin